

Biden's Trail of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Waste



\$2 billion

Upwards of \$2 billion was sent to nonexistent county governments in states such as Connecticut and Rhode Island.



\$783.5 million

The Biden Administration sent \$783.5 million in ARP-funded stimulus checks to 560,000 convicted prisoners including the Boston Marathon Bomber.



\$2.1 million

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida is planning to spend \$2.1 million in ARP funds on a golf course, driving range, and clubhouse.



\$4 million

Horry County, South Carolina plans to use \$4 million in ARP funds to build new parking lots and bathrooms.



\$40 million

The state of Delaware is using \$40 million in ARP funds on building and expanding libraries.



\$4 million

A school district in Texas approved \$4 million in ARP funds to expand a nature park and bird sanctuary.



\$2 billion

The Biden Administration diverted over \$2 billion in ARP funds meant for COVID-19 testing and vaccines to house illegal immigrants at the border.



\$31 million

The city of Chicago spent \$31 million of ARP funds to create a guaranteed income program.



\$3.7 million

The Small Business Administration (SBA) granted \$3.7 million in ARP funds to the basketball hall of fame in Massachusetts.



\$25.6 million

The state of Maine set aside \$25.6 million just to administer their roughly \$4.5 billion in ARP funding.



\$20 million

The state of Maine spent about \$20 million in ARP funds modernizing fish hatcheries.



\$2 million

A county in Iowa acquired Mt. Crescent ski area, spending \$1.5 million and covering the rest with ARP funding.



\$7.2 million

The state of Arizona is putting \$7.2 million in ARP funds to boost purses at three of its horse tracks.



\$5 million

The state of North Carolina is spending \$5 million worth of ARP funds to build walking trails dedicated to the history of moonshine.



\$2 million

The city of Syracuse, New York budgeted \$2 million of ARP funds to plant 3,600 trees.



\$1,400/person

Japanese citizens living in Japan received ARP-funded \$1,400 stimulus checks from the U.S. government.



\$800,000

The city of Norwich, Connecticut is using at least \$800,000 from w funds to develop luxury apartments.



\$659,000

The City Council of Binghamton, New York voted to spend \$659,000 in ARP funds to repair the roof and ceiling in their chambers.



\$15 million

The state of New Jersey is funneling \$15 million in ARP funds to a sports complex for the 2026 World Cup.



\$16 million

Maine is spending \$16 million in ARP funds to improve its fishing industry and update its state parks and provide electric vehicle charging stations.



\$18 million

The city of Philadelphia plans to spend \$18 million in ARP funds to test a "universal basic income" pilot program.



\$4 million

The city of Providence, Rhode Island is using \$4 million in ARP funds to revamp a park by building a new visitors' center and bike share.



\$400 million

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer is proposing to spend \$400 million in ARP funds upgrading state parks and trails.



\$157 million

Fort Bend County, Texas will spend \$157 million in ARP funds on a multimillion-dollar courtroom expansion, new government buildings, vehicles, and audio-visual tools.



\$140 million

Broward County, Florida is spending \$140 million of its ARP funds to build a 29-story, 800-room luxury hotel.



\$7 million

The state of Alaska is using \$7 million in ARP funds to promote the state's famous seafood, with social-media influencers.



\$250,000

Lansing, Michigan plans to spend \$250,000 in ARP funding to build six new pickleball courts.

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\$40 million

North Carolina plans to use \$40 million in ARP funds to reinvigorate NASCAR motorsport complexes.

\$40 million

Biden's new rules for state and local funds from ARP permitted the New Jersey Department of Human Services to send \$40 million worth of ARP checks to undocumented individuals.

\$26 million

The city of Wheeling, West Virginia will use its \$26 million in ARP funds for infrastructure projects already on their local wish list.

\$22 million

Los Angeles County, California is spending \$22 million of its ARP funds on "creative recovery" – including \$5 million on a make-art-work program for artists.

\$13 million

A report from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration showed that the IRS distributed \$13 million worth of checks from ARP to dead people.

\$5 million

The state of Hawaii spent \$5 million of their ARP state slush fund creating a "Green Jobs Youth Corps."

\$5.3 million

EPA funneled \$5.3 million in ARP funds to the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, which funded organizations like "Speak for the Trees" a story telling and tree walk program.

\$2 million

Hamilton County, Tennessee is spending \$2 million of ARP funds "to assist with renovation and restoration of the Tivoli Theatre" in Chattanooga.

\$2 million

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in Cuyahoga County, Ohio will be the new home of a "Primate Forest" thanks to \$2 million in ARP funds.

\$250,000

Woonsocket, Rhode Island is spending \$250,000 of ARP funds for a new ice skating rink.

\$1.2 million

Portland, Oregon is spending \$1.2 million of ARP funds on trash cans.

\$64 million

Des Moines, Iowa is spending \$64 million of ARP funding on a laundry list of projects: \$7 million to replace a YMCA, \$5 million for a new airport terminal, \$3 million for water trails, \$1 million for a botanical garden and zoo.

\$350,000

Pittsfield, Massachusetts is spending \$350,000 ARP funds on local sightseeing trips for social media influencers so they'll say nice things about Pittsfield.

\$135 million

One year after ARP gave \$135 million to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), we learned \$50,000 of this went to the Northern Mariana Islands to "teach Indigenous canoe-building and explore precolonial sea life".

\$470,000

NEH also gave \$470,000 in ARP funds to the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh "for the 'ongoing development' of an existing exhibit on Ancient Egypt."

\$5 million

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute will use \$5 million from ARP to pay off its debts. The same institute which honored former Gov. Andrew Cuomo for "inspired leadership" during the pandemic.

\$2 million

Syracuse, NY is using \$2 million of ARP funds for "Quality of Life" enhancements such as better lighting and shared parking.

\$600/Person

The state of Oregon is using its massive influx of cash from ARP to give \$600 checks to households to address inflation...causing more inflation.

\$225,000

\$225,000 from the ARP was used by Fresno County, CA to promote the first-ever National Garlic Festival.

\$618,400

The city of Cheyenne, Wyoming plans to spend \$618,400 from their ARP funds to restore and relocate three historic railcars.

\$614,280

Albany, NY is spending \$614,280 of ARP funds to "develop a multi-year Halloween Festival." and "improve the grounds" of a haunted mansion.

\$3 million

Detroit, Michigan is funneling \$3 million of ARP funds to paint murals in alleys.

\$2 million

The state of Ohio is spending \$2 million of ARP funding to build a 60-acre RV campground at a safari park.

\$4.5 million

Schenectady, New York is spending \$4.5 million in ARP funds on a pool for swimming laps and wading as well as a kiddie pool.

\$5 million

Birmingham, Alabama threw \$5 million of APR funds to help recover from the 2022 World Games. The event included niche sporting contests such as DanceSport, korfball and flying disc.

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 \$30,000

Norwich, CT is spending \$30,000 ARP funds to expand a disc golf course to 18 holes, upgrading a playground, improving tennis courts, and building outdoor exercise stations.

 \$1.3 million


Saginaw, MI is spending \$1.3 million ARP funds to tear down old structures on an abandoned fairground.

 \$754,000

Montana gave \$754,000 of ARP funds to art projects like a state-themed jazz album.

 \$2 million

The city of Wilson, NC is spending \$2 million of ARP funds to buy and demolish an abandoned mall.

 \$2.4 million

Conway, Arkansas is throwing \$2.4 million of ARP funds toward installing artificial turf, on baseball fields, at a local park.

 \$25 million

New Jersey is spending \$25 million from ARP funds to restore Revolutionary War sites.

 \$1.1 billion

\$1.1 billion in Child Tax Credit payments from ARP were sent to the wrong people.

 \$1.2 million

Eugene, OR is spending \$1.2 million ARP funds to build mountain bike trails.

 \$300,000

Oswego, NY is spending \$300,000 of ARP funding to build a skatepark.

 \$2 million

Boise, ID is spending \$2 million of ARP funds to install free Wi-Fi in public parks.

 \$1.5 million

Providence, RI is spending \$1.5 million ARP funds to reopen a penguin exhibit at the Roger Williams Park Zoo.